With regard to item No. (1), an additional expenditure has to be incurred because the cost of transport of salt by sea has increased because of the war conditions. But this expenditure incurred by the Department on transport of salt will be recovered when the salt is sold to the public. In regard to item (2), the departmental vans were using patrol and the price of petrol has considerably increased and there is also an acute shortage of petrol. These vans are used at the frontier for important work and this shortage of petrol should not be permitted to affect the work. Therefore, I consulted the Director of Transport who has told me that it would be possible to fit producer gas plants at Rs. 1,000 per van. I therefore, request the House grant this amount of Rs. 2,000 for the purpose.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND IX. COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT.

Mr. E. G. Salter: Sir, I move that Rs. 1,000 be granted under Demand IX—Commercial Transport. The additional expenditure is required to meet the pay of menials. The increased number of vehicles using producer gas has increased the number of hands for cleaning the filters, neglect of which may result in serious damage to the engines. This increase of work has necessitated this additional expenditure. I therefore request that this expenditure may be granted by the House.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XV—JAILS.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 260 under Demand XV—Jails. Recently, after the last budget was presented the question of revising the Central Prison Rules was taken up and a Committee was appointed to go into the matter. The committee have begun their work and have done part of it. To get the work done it was found necessary that the Committee should have the assistance of a clerk and a typist and also the services of the Deputy Jailor. A clerk and a typist from the Secretariat were deputed for the purpose and an expenditure of Rs. 260 has to be incurred in this connection. I hope that the House will be pleased to make the grant.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

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